

ANNEXURE 1

TABLE REVIEWING PAST RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT ON ISSUES RELATED TO FREEDOM OF RELIGION AND MINORITY RIGHTS

Rec #	Recommendations	Recommending State	Government's Response	Status of Implementation
161.49	Bring into law the Prevention of Communal and Targeted Violence Bill (2013)	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Noted	Not Implemented ¹
161.66	In the spirit of its Constitution, which guarantees equal rights to all minorities, further invest in dedicated human rights training of police officials to register and investigate cases of discrimination and violence and hold them accountable when they fail to do so.	Finland	Supported	Partially Implemented
161.71	Intensify efforts to guarantee equality and non-discrimination in line with its international obligations by developing public human rights awareness programmes and taking concrete steps to advance the rights of women and girls, members of religious minorities , and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons and to combat caste-based discrimination, including to: criminalize marital rape; decriminalize consensual same-sex relations; and establish appropriate policies and practices for registering, investigating and prosecuting	Ireland	Noted	Partially Implemented ²

¹ Referring to the recommendation of the National Human Rights Commission in UPR-II, the *then* Government of India had the Working Group of the National Advisory Council (NAC) draft the Prevention of Communal and Targeted Violence (Access to Justice and Reparations) Bill 2011. However, till date, the Bill has not been placed before any house of the Parliament for consideration. The draft bill is available at: <https://bit.ly/2UcJUWe>

² The Sachar Committee recommendations aimed at addressing the social, economic and educational condition of the Muslim community in India were partially implemented as of 2019. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3kaRVFX>; with reference to the part of the recommendation addressing the LGBTI community, a detailed discussion on the issue is presented in the chapter on 'Rights of (I) Women and (II) Sexual and Gender Minorities' in this report.

	violence against women, girls and members of religious minorities.			
161.72	Ensure that laws are fully and consistently enforced to provide adequate protections for members of all religious minorities, scheduled castes, tribes and other vulnerable populations.	United States of America	Supported	Partially Implemented ³
161.73	Take effective measures to combat rising instances of religious intolerance, violence and discrimination.	Kazakhstan	Noted	Not Implemented
161.99	Prevent and pursue through the appropriate judicial means all violent acts against religious and tribal minorities, Dalits and lower castes.	Holy See	Supported	Partially Implemented
161.100	Strengthen efforts for the prevention of cases of intercommunal violence.	Russian Federation	Supported	Not Implemented
161.126	Strengthen efforts to guarantee freedom of religion and belief, especially by retracting so-called anti-conversion laws.	Holy See	Noted	Not Implemented
161.127	Take all necessary measures to protect the rights of persons belonging to religious minorities, and repeal laws which restrict religious conversion.	The Netherlands	Noted	Partially Implemented ⁴
161.128	Abolish anti-conversion laws and grant access to justice to victims of religious violence and discrimination.	Italy	Noted	Not Implemented ⁵
161.129	Repeal the requisite legislation to stop violence and discrimination against religious minorities.	Kenya	Noted	Not Implemented
161.130	Take visible policy and other measures to ensure the freedom of religion and belief and	Pakistan	Noted	Not Implemented

³ There are constitutional protections and laws; however, they are not adequately and proactively implemented.

⁴ Anti-conversion laws have not been repealed and continue to exist in at least eight Indian states.

⁵ Ibid.

	address the alarming trend of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance including mob violence committed, incited and advocated by right-wing parties and affiliated extremist organizations against minorities, particularly Muslims, Christians, Sikhs and Dalits.			
161.132	Continue to develop laws and make efforts to ensure freedom of religion and belief.	Lebanon	Supported	Not Implemented ⁶
161.133	Guarantee freedom of religion or belief by implementing existing laws to better protect individuals belonging to minority groups from hate speech, incitement to religious violence, discrimination on religious grounds and forcible conversions.	Canada	Noted	Not Implemented
161.144	Continue its efforts to protect religious freedom and the rights of minority groups based on its Constitution and other relevant laws.	Republic of Korea	Supported	Partially Implemented

⁶ No such specific law ensuring freedom of religion and belief was enacted.